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Senator Bob Duff
Representative Lonnie Reed
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RE: Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES) Legislation

Dear Senator Duff and Representative Reed, and Energy Committee members;

Note, I asked the question about the Standard Electric Offer Auction at Monday's REEBA Meeting. My electric supplier is Sterling Planet for 100% Renewable Energy and I actually chose to pay a bit more than the Standard Offer for my electricity. Please account for customers like myself who signed up for the Clean Energy Options Program
If/when you decide to implement an Auction for customers who still have the Standard Offer and not an alternative "discount" electricity supplier.

I get several calls a week to switch suppliers and I think that most Connecticut electric customers do also and do not want to be forced by an Auction to ostensibly save money by switching to a discount supplier. Has DEEP done a survey to see if Standard Offer Customers are aware of their options and just do not want to change?

The CES plan is well prepared. The following comments are submitted for your consideration to further improve or support CES's final legislation:

1. Although I support the CES goal to expand the usage of natural gas in Connecticut, I do not support the use of taxpayer funds or bonding to implement this. Only natural gas Ratepayer or GAS utility funds should be used.
2. Funding beyond the \$15 million pilot program to establish MicroGrids in Connecticut for critical energy users is very important.
3. A monetary surcharge to fund efficiency programs for oil customers should be implemented.
4. I support the creation of an Advanced Energy Innovation Hub at UCONN.

5. Installing smart grids in Connecticut may not be justified for energy security reasons unless increased cyber vulnerability of these grids is able to be mitigated.
6. Do not broaden what counts as renewable energy sources when evaluating RPS requirements.
7. Provide monetary support for industrial process efficiency programs and increased use of CHP.
8. Implement Decoupling
9. Allow submetering in multi tenant buildings, by either private or public funding
10. Establish energy performance ratings for buildings
11. Increase funding and publicity for Home Energy Solutions for all customers
12. Send senior DEEP staff to participate in all ISO New England and New England Power Pool and relevant FERC meetings

I hope you consider and include these recommendations in the final CES legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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